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1. Military Forces in Paoan (113-56, 22-32), after the Communist occupation of the area in mid-October 1949, were to be kept to a small number. The new Communist magistrate HUANG Yung-kuang (黄永光) announced that there was no need for a large military force and that the community had not enough food supplies to support it.* The Communist troops actually in the village include:

- a. The Yun Chung (云中隊) Unit, formerly the 4th Training Battalion (第四集训大隊); 120 officers and men; equipped with 100 M-65** rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition, 1 locally-made light machine gun and 300 rounds of 7.9mm ammunition.
- b. The Chin Ch'ang (進昌隊) Unit, formerly the hsien Peace Preservation Corps 2nd Battalion, which defected from the Nationalists*; 150 officers and men; equipped with 5 Czech light machine guns, 145 M-65 rifles and 600 rounds of ammunition, 50 hand grenades, 13 pistols, 1000 rounds of 7.9mm ammunition.

2. The Third Regiment of the Communist First Detachment was divided into three sections, of which one remained with the regimental commander MAI (麥)*** in Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) adjacent to Paoan Hsien on the north. The other two sections were sent to the eastern and western parts of the Paoan hsien.

- a. Golden Tiger (金虎) Unit (2nd Battalion), to the east:

200 officers and men at Lunghuahsü (114-04, 23-36), with 2 heavy machine guns (water cooled), 2 "bull horn" machine guns**, 2 oil machine guns**, 160 M-65 rifles, and 250 hand grenades.

200 men at Puchi (114-08, 22-33), with one oil machine gun, 2 "bull horn" machine guns, 4 grenade throwers**, and 100 M-65 rifles.

50 men at Kan Lan Hsü (杆欄圩), with 2 Czech light machine guns and 30 M-65 rifles.

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- b. Golden Dragon (Chin Lung 金 龍) Unit (3rd Battalion), to the west.

50 officers and men at Huang Sung Kang Hsu (黃松崗圩), with 1 "bull horn" machine gun, 10 M-79** rifles, 30 M-65 rifles, and 100 hand grenades.

100 officers and men at Shaching (113-49, 22-44), with 2 Browning light machine guns, 1 Japanese M-45 grenade thrower and 15 rounds of ammunition, and 85 M-65 rifles.

50 officers and men at Hsinchiao (113-50, 22-44), with 1 "bull horn" machine gun, 10 M-79 rifles, 30 M-65 rifles, and 100 hand grenades.

30 officers and men at Ku Hsu Hsu (伍 威 威), with 1 locally-made light machine gun and 25 M-54** rifles.

30 men at Hsihsiang (113-52, 22-34), with 1 Browning light machine gun, 25 M-65 rifles, and one hand grenade per man.

150 officers and men at Wushihyen (113-56, 22-41), with 2 "bull horn" machine guns, 2 Czech light machine guns, 3 Japanese M-45** grenade throwers, 100 M-65 rifles, and 200 hand grenades.

3. In addition to these, there are some detachments of the Kwangtung-Kiangsi-Hunan Border Column*** in the following locations:

- a. 1st Detachment, commanded by LAN Tsao (藍 造), who is also director of the Military Control Commission, at Huiyang Hsien (114-26, 23-05).

- b. 2nd Detachment, commanded by Column Commander LIN Ping (林 平), in Pingshan (114-01, 22-26).

T'ing Chin (挺 進 "Advance") Unit, 200 men, at Shenchuan (114-08, 22-32), with 4 "bull horn" machine guns, 8 carbines, 100 rifles, 40 M-70** rifles, 300 hand grenades, and 2 grenade throwers; 30 men at Shatouchiao (114-14, 22-32), equipped with 1 oil machine gun and 25 M-65 rifles.

- c. 3rd Detachment, commanded by KAO Ku (高 固) in Pingshan.

- d. 4th Detachment, commanded by TSWNG T'ien-chieh (曾 天 節), in charge of garrisoning the roads.

4. There is also a local militia, of unknown strength, armed with M-65 and M-79 rifles which have been collected from the community.
5. The principal objective of all troops appears to be the securing of stable conditions within the hsien.*** The Communist magistracy attribute the limitation of troop numbers in the area to its proximity to British territory and the desire to avoid international incidents. They have pointed out, however, that if it became necessary, troops could be brought in very rapidly from Pingshan or Taiping (太平).

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* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED], which describes the new Communist government of the area.

** [REDACTED] Comment. Weapon descriptions are given as received. The following identifications have been made:

- (1) M-65 is the Chinese designation applied to the 6.5mm Japanese Arisaka military rifle, Model 38.
 - (2) The "bull horn" machine gun is probably an automatic rifle or light machine gun modelled after the Bren gun, so called because the magazine projects upward and forward in a manner similar to a bull's horn.
 - (3) Oil machine guns may possibly be an imitation of the American .45-cal sub-machine gun M-3, known as the "grease gun".
- [REDACTED] Comment. The gun referred to may also possibly be one of several standard Japanese models of Hotchkiss type in 6.5mm or 7.7mm, equipped with a lubricating pad and oil reservoir on the feed mechanism.
- (4) Grenade throwers are possibly the Japanese Model 10 or Model 20 50-mm grenade discharger, familiarly known as the "knee mortar".
 - (5) M-79 is the Chinese designation applied to the Chinese-manufactured copy of the German 7.9mm Mauser military rifle.
 - (6) The M-54 and M-70 rifles could not be more specifically identified.

*** [REDACTED] Comment. A report of May 1949 on Communist forces in the Kwangtung area listed the following:

MAI Ting-tang (麥定唐), commander with KUAN Hu (關武) of 3rd Regiment, Huiyang.

LAN Tsao, commander of East River 1st Detachment, Huiyang border near Tsokeng.

LIN Ping, commander of the Kwangtung-Kiangsi-Hunan Border Column.

KAO Ku, commander of 4th Regiment in Huangchiang area.

TSUNG T'ien-chi, commander of a defected regiment at Laolung in Lungchuan.

[REDACTED] LIU Yung-sheng as commander of the Fukien-Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Column and LIN Ping as head of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi-Hunan Border Column in May 1949 [REDACTED]

*** [REDACTED] Comment. All units described are guerrilla forces which have been in the area for a considerable time. No Communist regular troops appear to be stationed in the district, although Communist armies are in adjacent areas to west and north and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, under TSUNG Sheng (曾生), is in the suburbs of Huiyang and Canton.

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